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The person who would destroy a rare stamp because it had a barely perceptible defect would be nothing less than a vandal. We haven't run across any vandals of late, it might be mentioned. Just how silly is the plan to destroy all damaged is shown by philately's premier rarity, the \$40,000 1c British Guiana. Most of us in our box of discarded "junk" do not have a stamp in as wretched condition as the prized Guiana. Others of the rarities would also likely cease to exist if all damaged copies were destroyed. Look what would happen to Finland's first issues for example. A well centered, lightly cancelled, unfaded specimen of many early issues is not a normal copy—it's a freak. Moreover, anyone who has seen the closely arranged rows in many sheets will agree that it was not official intention that the stamps used for postage would not be cut into on one or more sides. That is true of our own U. S. first issues, some of which would tax the soberest teetotaler to cut them apart without damage. Though condition crusaders would have such stamps discarded, current market doesn't agree.

Damaged stamps have a real use to the researcher. For their purposes damaged copies are as good as others in providing bits of knowledge. Many a former gap in our knowledge would still be a gap if certain damaged stamps had not been preserved.

Counterfeits too have their place in philately—and not always in the furnace. How could we identify many specimens if it were not for the copies retained by dealers and collectors for comparison? And all counterfeits made to defraud the post office have a philatelic value on that score alone.

In other hobbies damaged treasures are not discarded; instead every effort is made to restore them to original condition. Not with fraudulent intent, but for the same reason a house is repainted or anything else is prevented from staying in a neglected, run-down condition. Many stamps have been repaired and sold as such, providing their owners with the best copy they ever expect to have, barring miracles.

Admittedly the damaged specimens of many common issues could be destroyed with no loss to philately, but we maintain that to destroy all defective, repaired or counterfeit would not be in the best interests of the hobby. Like many a scheme submitted with little study of the problem, the one of discarding these stamps would do more harm than good.

—R. R.

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New York Roundup

By WALTER KANER, Director

"The Stamp Man" Program Station WWRL, Woodside, L. I.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Look to Postmaster General Frank C. Walker to resign shortly, with Edward J. Flynn, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, slated to succeed him. For several weeks, rumors have been circulating of this pending change. Coming from sources generally in the know, the rumors further have it that New York's stamp collecting Senator, James Mead, has also been mentioned as a successor . . . A new stamp to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Vermont's admission to statehood is planned. Sponsored by Senator Ernest Gibson, Jr. of Vermont the stamp if approved will be issued on March 4th, 1941 . . . Bart Gatchell, past president of the American Air Mail Society and Westchester Co. Philatelic Society, is the new editor of the Collectors Club "Bulletin" . . . while W. A. Cobb is the new president of the Philatelic Society of the Oranges (N. J.) . . . Tips to speakers at stamp meetings: A talk on stamps should be like a woman's skirt — long enough to cover the subject, but short enough to be interesting . . . Canada is clamping down on stamps coming into the country. Stamps from enemy countries are being returned . . . In April, 1939, Argentine began the use of the Fonopostal system by which instead of writing a letter, you go to the local post office and make a record of your message. The record is then sent through the regular mail. The pet project of Postmaster-General Adrian C. Escobar of Argentine, the idea originally is an American one — in fact they use RCA equipment.

A CHRISTMAS TALE

With Santa readying the reindeers it brings to mind the story of a single Christmas card that traveled back and forth between two families for 22 years. Back in 1914, just about this time of the year, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Harvey of Thomasville, Georgia sent a penny Christmas card to Mr. and Mrs. Z. P. Mills of Jackson, Miss. The next Christmas the same card went back to the Harveys. The following year the Harveys sent it back to the Millses. When the United States entered the World War and Herbert Hoover became Food Administrator, the two families continued to "Hooverize" and the card went back and forth until it was covered with writing and stamps. In 1937, the Harveys, who

by this time had moved to Charlotte, No. Carolina, sent the battered and worn and ink-covered card to Mr. and Mrs. Mills, and within a few days they received a photograph of the cards from the Mills, who finally retired the card from circulation. For 22 years the card had traveled back and forth, not once was it ever lost or delayed, finally covered with stamps it was retired to a well deserved rest.

PHILATLIC PATTERN

You never know where you meet them. Several weeks I had the pleasure of interviewing Julius Adams, Managing Editor of the Amsterdam News, New York's Negro newspaper. Only until the



middle of the broadcast following some ad libbing, did I learn that the prominent Negro editor is a stamp collector. Yes, you never know where you meet them.

Stamps of France, French colonies and nations under Nazi rule cannot be imported into Canada . . . The Royal Philatelic Society and other British stamp organizations are providing stamps and albums for wounded patients in British military hospitals.

There's talk in stamp circles of a possible new stamp honoring National Maritime Day on May 22nd, 1941. Present interest in our maritime service as part of national defense coupled with Pres. Roosevelt's interest in our merchant marine makes such a stamp quite likely . . . For real interest in stamp collecting look for the story behind the stamp. The adventurous, exciting tale of the brutal Captain Bligh and the mutiny on the Bounty are graphically portrayed on Pitcairn Island's new set of stamps . . . The Finnish Relief Fund headed by Herbert Hoover has received \$2,712 through the sale of Carl E. Pelander's "The Postal Issue of Finland." . . . The growing interest in first day cover collecting is reflected in the figures released by

Kent Stiles, stamp scribe of the N. Y. Times. Total first-day sales of the Presidential stamps, 32 in all, was 7,970,732, as compared with 13,556,193 of the "Famous Americans" stamps. There were 2,416,082 Presidential covers cancelled as compared with 5,092,772 Famous American first day covers.

HOBBY NOBBING

The other day I asked Arnold Bernard of Brooklyn's International Stamp Club if he read this column. Bernard said, "Yes, Walt, and I'm going to keep on reading it till I like it." Wonder what he meant? . . . The first postage stamp catalog was published by Eugene Lacroix on Dec. 21, 1861 in France . . . Gordon Houpt is a mailcarrier at Sandhill, Nebraska. In the midst of a snow storm Gordon went out to deliver the mail. Cattlemen found his abandoned car in a snowdrift, but no Gordon. Sorrowing relatives made preparations for his funeral, but who should come strolling in but Gordon. He had left his car and walked to a nearby ranch where he had stayed for four days. Imagine the nerve of the guy stopping his own funeral, after everything had been planned! . . . In 1899 San Marino was struck with a brilliant idea. They decided to issue two types of stamps, one for postage to foreign countries, and the other for use within the country. The brilliancy here is that San Marino is only 34 miles square — the stamps being issued primarily for the collectors album. The Encyclopedia Britannica in commenting upon San Marino states, "it issues its own stamps, and makes thereby a considerable sum, finding a fruitful source of revenue in the frequent change of its postage stamps."

In 1878 China issued her first postage stamps and for a period of 35 years she did not dare to issue a postage stamp in black, blue or purple. These colors represented sorrow and mourning and would have been shunned by the Chinese people . . . Memo to the P. O. Dept. — Why not put Hedy Lamarr's picture on a postage stamp? Then it would be a pleasure to stay home night's pouring over our stamps! . . .

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Pan-American Union Stamp Plan

The Stamp Section of the Pan American Union expects to adhere in the future to the following "Five Point Plan":

1. To sell as close to face as current rate of exchange safely permits.
2. To have stamps available in Washington on the day following their initial sale in the country of issue.
3. To provide the press with accurate philatelic and historic data associated with the stamps handled.
4. To retire stamps from Washington sale after six months, leaving former channels of purchase open to collectors.
5. To offer such aid to collectors in fully understanding and appreciating the issues handled insofar as consistent with the facilities and policies of the Union.

The Union has at present 40 different stamps from 13 countries on hand and it expects to have all future new issues of the American Republics, if the member countries agree to supply allotments. Several countries have been approached and the Dominican Republic has already agreed to supply a quantity to the Union of each new issue. The Union will supply postfree a list of stamps on hand, but maintains no mailing list to advise collectors of new issues when received.

• Cachet for dedication on January 10 of the Stockton Advanced Air Corps Training School flying field, one of three such establishments to be instituted in the U. S. Send covers ready to go, to the Stockton Chamber of Commerce, Stockton, Calif., so as to reach them by Jan. 8.

• George C. Henderson, the Shut-in dealer at 3713 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, Pa., submits another clipping from New Zealand relating to the surprise ban on sendings of postage stamps in foreign mails from the Dominion.

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New York City—Gotham Stamp and Cover Club will hold its banquet and exhibition at the Hotel Governor Clinton, Saturday, February 22. To all sending a stamped addressed envelope, unsealed, they will enclose a specimen of their label and cachet the cover as well. Additional labels 1c each. The banquet will be \$2.50 and inquiries should be made of A. Apnew, 1616 Walton Ave., New York.

Springfield, Mo. — The Ozark Mountain Stamp Club will hold its second annual exhibition, Feb. 28 to March 2, in the Art Museum Room of the City Hall. 200 frames are available for use of exhibitors at a small fee and details are available of Dr. Don H. Silsby, Pres., 326 Landers Bldg. Entries of junior exhibitors, (those under 18 years of age) will be accepted free, whether they supply their own frame or not. Complete prospectus and the philatelic labels for the show will be ready in January.

Tacoma, Wash.—A stamp club has been organized among boys at Jason Lee High School. The club meets each Friday afternoon, with Frank M. Kellogg, Sales Manager of the American Stamp Assn. as advisor.

• In the English portion of the imprint on some sheets of a new printing of China's current 5c stamp, the name of the firm is spelled "Had Tung Printing Co." instead of "Dah Tung Printing Co." The stamp was issued in September, says the *Asia Stamp Journal*.

• Postmaster J. G. Taylor of Orkney, Saskatchewan organized a carnival and raised thereby \$550.00 for the purchase of a Bren Machine Gun for the Canadian Army.

• Pitcairn Island's post office normally stocked about 5 pounds worth of New Zealand stamps and in the course of a year about five or six times that amount were used.

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French Equatorial Africa

By BEN HAMILTON, JR.

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In the western extremity of central Chad and at the juncture of Niger (the eastern most sub-colony of French West Africa), Cameroun, and northern French Equatorial Africa is the lake bearing the name of the northern most district of F. E. A. In the northeast corner of Lake Chad are several small islands. The lake is growing smaller in size annually and much of the land formerly submerged by this body of water is now marshy. This interesting lake has an area of about 10,000 square miles, and the area varies



according to the season. The important Niger town of N'Guigmi is on the north shore of the lake, and in the marshes south of it is the provisional capital of Chad and Fort-Foureaux, northernmost Cameroun post office. In the native tongue "Chad" means "lake," so that Lake Chad is actually as much a redundancy as would be Rio Grande River. This body of water, which, at some seasons, is thick with red flamingoes, is depicted on Chad stamps of type D4. The picture on these stamps is an adaptation of the French government's Art and History archives series of photograph of Lake Chad which makes up figure 109 facing page 263 of Georges Bruel's book La France Equatoriale Africaine.

Flowing north northwestward into Lake Chad is an important river, the Shari. Its basin covers an estimated area of 264,000 square miles, and the river, which is an accumulation of several smaller streams has a length of some 737.5 miles. The Bamingui, a stream which starts in north central Ubangi, about 200 miles west of the Anglo-Egypt-

tian Sudan, is supposed to be the parent river of the Shari. An excellent idea of the type of terrain found along the Shari River is given in the panorama contained on Ubangi stamps of type A3.

Coming much further south one comes upon the Ubangi River which is very important. Upon it is a great steamboat traffic, and one of the modern steamers used on that river is shown on Middle Congo stamps of type D4. A typical village on the Ubangi is on Middle Congo stamps of type D3. The Ubangi River is a tributary of the mighty Congo, and flows into the latter river about 50 miles below the important Congo town of Coquilhatville. From its junction with the Congo, the Ubangi flows northeastward to Fort de Possel, just above Bangui, then it flows eastward to the Congo settlement of Yakoma where the Ubangi



branches into two lesser rivers: the M'Bomou and the Ouelle. The M'Bomou starts about 100 miles west of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and the Ouelle commences in the Belgian Congo about 80 miles west of Uganda. These two rivers give the Ubangi, chief branch of the Congo, a total length of 1,537.5 miles.

Swinging southwestward we come to two important places in French Equatorial Africa. The first is the noted Stanley Pool, the widening in the Congo River which separates Brazzaville, capital of French Equatorial Africa, from Leopoldville, the Belgian Congo government headquarters. Actually the Stanley Pool is an elliptical lake, situated in the course of the Congo in a manner analogous to the position of the Sea of Galilee

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in the course of the Jordan. Stanley Pool, named after H. M. Stanley, has an approximate area of 220 square miles, and in its center is an island of about 13 square miles called Mbamou. This, along with some small islets, shows up in the aerial view of Stanley Pool on French Equatorial African stamps of type AP2.

North northwestward of Stanley Pool the Djoue River, shown on Middle Congo stamps of type D5, flows toward the Congo, for a distance of 125 miles. The Djoue enters the Congo in the Stanley Pool near Brazzaville. At its juncture with the Congo the Djoue flows over high cliffs and the French hope someday to harness the falls and give the capital of French Equatorial Africa a plentiful supply of electricity.

Turning westward we come to the Atlantic Coast of the colony and to the Loeme River, a stream about 90 miles long and emptying into the lagoon midway between Pointe Noire and the Middle Congo-Cabinda boundary. This relatively important river is shown on French Equatorial African stamps of type A1, in a view which shows the Brazzaville-Pointe Noire Railroad viaduct crossing the Loeme near the native settlement of Hinda.

Going northward up the coast the traveler comes to the mouth of one of the greatest rivers in French Equatorial Africa. This is the Ogowe River, made famous by the explorations of de Brazza. Gabonese stamps of type A16 show an interesting view on this river. The Ogowe has its source deep in Middle Congo between the forest native towns of Moukassa and Bikie, about 150 miles north of the Congo River. The Ogowe flows northward to Franceville thence northward across the border into the Gabon district to the Gabon town of Bowe. Then this great river flows due westward to N' Djole and thence southwestward to Falaba, about fifteen miles from the coast, where the Ogowe flows northward, emptying into the Ogowe estuary, sheltered by Port Gentil and Cape Lopez.

Finally, about 60 miles below the Gabon-Spanish Guinea boundary this stamp safari comes to rest at the Gabon estuary, noted equatorial landmark of coastal West Africa. The estuary and the town of Libreville, capital of Gabon, are a scant 18 miles north of the equator. The map of this region on French Equatorial African stamps of type A7 is an excellent one, showing, as it does, the location of the first settlement made in Gabon as an aftermath of Bouet-Willamez' explorations.

Gabon estuary extends inland for 50 miles where it breaks up into several smaller streams. It attains its greatest width where it empties into the Atlantic. There the estuary has a maximum width of 9 miles and about 40 miles inland it

narrowed down to a width of but a half mile. To the southwest the Gabon estuary is sheltered from the sea by a strip of land called Pointe Pongara. This is the pointed tip of land partially obscured by the ship La Malouine on the Gabon centenary stamps of French Equatorial



Africa. The bulge of land opposite and to the north constitutes Cape Esterias. It is just across the estuary from Pointe Pongara that Libreville is situated. Gabon estuary receives its name from the Portuguese word "gabao," meaning a hut-like cabin, supposedly because the shape of the estuary resembles such a primitive edifice.

Having thus made a hurried geographic survey of the colony, it ought to be a good idea to visit, via stamps, the principal towns shown thereon. Fort Lamy, near Lake Chad, and provisional capital of the Chad district is represented by a view of a native suburb on stamps of French Equatorial Africa type A2. This town, a mercantile center for the northern sections of the colony, is a place of about 4,000 inhabitants with about 85 Europeans residing in its confines.

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IN THE EARLY YEARS OF PHILA- tely collectors collected everything remotely resembling a postage stamp because there were so few varieties of regular issues; now we collect everything and anything having to do with postal matters because there are so many stamps we try to collect only those of a certain country or group of countries.

ELSEWHERE THIS WEEK WE EX- pect to print a poetical outburst by our Philippine Notes editor, Pablo M. Esperidion. We hope this one won't have the same result as the one Pablo wrote while in high school and caused his being sent home by an indignant teacher!

SOMEONE NOT LONG AGO SUG- gested that all our stamps have the Scott Catalogue number printed in the design so that collectors could identify and classify the stamps easier! How about an electric eye album page on which the stamps could be laid, the eye automatically mounting the stamps in the right spaces? NEXT!

THERE'S A CURIOUS STORY BE- hind the stamps offered in Charlie Demuth's ad in last week. If our "spies" (hey, Mr. Dies!) report in full in time, it will appear this week. Anyway the ballyhoo about Mr. Ickes having the only gummed Farleys is now washed up.

WITH NO FANFARE AND LITTLE attention from collectors the series of 1922 has joined those of 1894, 1902 and 1908. The withdrawal of remaining stamps of this series from Agency sale brings to a close one of the outstanding regular issues of the U. S. It covered the period of change in method of printing from flat plate to electric eye and its designs will we venture to predict make it among the most popular in years to come.

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How to remove with minimum trouble, cigarette or tobacco stamps from metal containers is suggested in the Bulletin of the Canadian Revenue Society. There these fiscals are of much interest to a number of collectors. They suggest the stamps be moistened with gasoline, carbon tetrachloride or ether. "The gum in use seems to have a rubber base, for which these are solvents, though they are all so volatile that they will not injure the contents of the package. CAUTION: Gasoline and ether are inflammable; do not use while smoking or in a room with an open fire or light. Carbon tetrachloride is non-inflammable, but the concentrated fumes are poisonous."

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Jan. 10—Airmails, covers, foreign. The Stamp Studio, P. O. Box 11, Station W, New York City.

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The Editor:

With reference to Mr. Brightman's letter published in your issue of November 16th I should like to call attention to the fact that my use of the word "dream" was in connection with my suggestion that the American Philatelic Society take action on developing a series of authentic check-lists. The fact that not even a motion to consider the matter was introduced at the Convention verified my expectations. This, of course, was not due to lack of interest on the part of the members but because there are no funds available to finance such a project.

It is most unfortunate that in the entire history of philately there has never been some wealthy person who has been willing to endow philatelic research on a fairly large scale. At the Buffalo Convention it was mentioned (*Proceedings*, p. 115) how attempts were made to induce certain famous philatelists of means to leave the Society endowment funds in their wills, but in vain. Such persons spent fabulous sums on stamps (many of which were rank fakes) but do not appear to have been interested in promoting truth in philately.

Mr. Brightman asks for an example of simplification; here it is. In 1876 Colombia authorized three new stamps, (Scott) types A30-31-32. The contract for printing these stamps called for a 5c purple, 10c brown, and 20c blue, all on white paper. The printer happened to use three different varieties of paper: wove, laid, and wove with a bluish tint, thus creating nine philatelic items (Scott Nos. 73-75, 80-82, 93-95) whereas for all governmental intents and purposes there were only three. There are also countless shades of each, one of which, the 20c violet blue, is listed by Scott with a major number (76) although this stamp exists in almost every shade of blue. In my opinion the general collector should for this series have only three stamps in his collection while the specialist should have at least nine and

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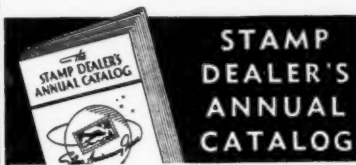
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MALTA—The standard air mail rate for post cards has been increased from 6d. to 7d. This should mean a new air stamp to replace Scott's C1.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

MONACO—Type of 1939-40. Engraved, unwmkd., perf. 13:

A32—30c. brown-red

A32—60c. dark green

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

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tional value to go with that chronicled by us October 12th. Perf. 14, typographed, script C.A. wmkd.:

A15—\$2. carmine & green

(R. Roberts)

• Miguel Legaspi, depicted on Philippine stamps issued under U. S. administration, was the founder of the city of Manila and constructed Fort Santiago, depicted on the issue now current.

• The designs of the early Ceylon stamps were so close in the sheet that the perforation holes were as large or larger in diameter than the width of the space between stamps.

• The 1c Trans-Mississippi and 1c Pan-American are known overprinted "I. R." for use as Internal Revenue stamps. This was an unauthorized use by a telegraph office at Mt. Clemens, Mich. due to a shortage of the regular I. R. stamps.

• A new post office named Dellwood has been established in Coos County, Oregon.

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16-27 Aden cp. to 10R	(12)	8.30
84-91 Antigua to 1/-	(8)	.68
84-93 Antigua comp. to 5/-	(10)	2.70
40-46 Ascension set to 1/-	(7)	.75
40-49 Ance'n comp. to 10/-	(10)	6.00
166-175 Australia to 1/-	(10)	1.20
167A & 169A Australia re-eng.	(2)	.09
176 Australia 1ah4d	(1)	.60
178-179 Australia 5/- 10/-	(2)	3.25
166-180 Australia cp. to £1	(14)	9.25
180 Australia 1£	(1)	4.25
D64-70 Australia Dues to 1/-	(7)	.60
100-107 Bahamas set to 6d	(8)	.55
100-109 Bahamas set to 1/-	(10)	.95
100-113 Bahamas comp. to 1£	(12)	7.60
193-199 Barbados set to 6d	(7)	.50
193-200 Barbados set to 1/-	(8)	.70
193-201 Barba's Cp. inc. 2/6	(9)	1.35
202-206 Barbados Tereen.	(5)	.35
18-24 Basutoland to 6d	(7)	.50
18-25 Basutoland to 1/-	(8)	.75
18-28 Basutoland cp. to 10/-	(11)	5.35
124-130 Bechuanaland to 6d	(7)	.50
124-131 Bechuanaland to 1/-	(8)	.75
124-136 Bechuan'd cp. to 10/-	(11)	5.35
117-121 Bermuda set to 3d	(5)	.30
117-122 Bermuda set to 1/-	(6)	.52
117-128 Bermuda cp. st. to 1£	(12)	14.00
230-234 Br. Guinea to 24c	(5)	.50
230-239 Br. G. Cp. to \$1.00	(10)	4.60
115-121 British Hon's to 15c.	(7)	.60
115-122 British Hon's to 25c.	(8)	.90
115-123 British Hon's to 50c.	(9)	1.50
115-124 British Hon's to \$1.00	(10)	2.75
115-126 British H. cp. to \$5.00	(12)	11.50
84-90 British Somali. to 8s.	(7)	.80
84-92 British Somali. to 1R	(9)	1.35
84-95 British Som. Cp. to 5R	(12)	5.40
67-75 British Solo. to 1/-	(9)	.90
67-78 British Sol. Cp. to 5/-	(12)	3.75
19-30 Burma to 1R	(12)	1.40
19-33 Burma Cp. to 10R	(15)	8.35
246-48 Canada RI. Visit Set	(3)	.08
238-240 Canada Coils 1-2-3c	(3)	.09
231-236 Canada 1 to 8c	(6)	.30
241 Canada Peace T. 10c	(1)	.20
241A Canada Peace T. 10c	(1)	.13
242 Canada Halifax 13c	(1)	.16
243 Canada Ft. Gary 20c	(1)	.23
244 Canada Vancouver 50c	(1)	.55
245 Canada Chat'u \$1.00	(1)	1.10
241A-245 Canada Cp. Set	(5)	2.00
A6 Canada 6c Air	(1)	.08
SD7 Canada 20c S. Del.	(1)	.23
SD8 Can. 10c on 20c, S.D.	(1)	.18
SD9 Can. 10c New Green	(1)	.13
Can. Cp. incl. 241	(10)	2.65
100-107 Cayman Is. to 6d	(8)	.45
100-108 Cayman Is. to 1/-	(9)	.68
100-111 Cay'n Is. Cp. to 10/-	(12)	5.25
278-286 Ceylon set to 50c	(9)	.90
278-287 Ceylon to 1R	(10)	1.20
278-288 Ceylon Set to 2R	(11)	2.05
289 Ceylon 5R value	(1)	2.10
113-113 Cook 1/-, 2/-, 3/-	(3)	1.35
148-150 Cyprus set to 6 Pi	(8)	.60
143-151 Cyprus to 9 Pi	(9)	.90

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143-153 Cyprus Set to 45 Pi	(11)	2.70
143-155 Cyprus Cp. to £	(13)	10.80
97-103 Dominica set to 6d	(7)	.45
97-104 Dominica to 1/-	(8)	.67
97-106 Dominica Cp. to 5/-	(10)	2.70
84-89 Falk'd Is. set to 6d	(6)	.36
84-91 Falkland Is. to 1/-	(8)	.85
84-95 Falkland Is. cp. to £	(12)	11.00
117-123 Fiji set to 6d	(7)	1.10
117-124 Fiji to 1/-	(8)	1.40
117-127 Fiji cp. to 5/s	(11)	4.25
132-137 Gambia set to 6d	(6)	.40
132-138 Gambia to 1/-	(7)	.63
132-143 Gambia cp. to 10/-	(12)	7.00
107-112 Gibraltar set to 6d	(6)	.35
107-113 Gibraltar to 1/-	(7)	.60
107-117 Gibraltar cp. to 1£	(11)	10.55
40-48 Gilbert & El. to 1/-	(9)	.85
40-51 Gib't & E. Cp. to 5/-	(12)	3.65
115-121 Gold Coast to 6d	(7)	.45
115-123 Gold Coast to 1/-	(9)	.90
115-125 Gold C'st Cp. to 5/-	(11)	2.80
235-248 Gr. Britain to 1/-	(14)	1.75
246-251 Gr. Brit. 2/6-5/- 10/-	(3)	4.45
D26-32 "GVIR" Dues 1/2-1/-	(7)	.75
D33- "GVIR" Dues 2/6	(1)	.70
131-138 Grenada to 6d	(8)	.50
131-139 Grenada set to 1/-	(9)	.75
131-142 Grenada Cp. to 10/-	(12)	6.25
146-152 Hong Kong to 25c	(7)	.32
146-154 Hong Kong to 50c	(9)	.60
146-155 Hong Kong to \$1.00	(10)	1.00
146-158 Hong Kong to \$10.00	(13)	6.95
D6/9 Hong Kong Dues	(4)	.15
150-162 India to 1R	(13)	1.80
150-164 India to 5R	(15)	4.60
150-165 India to 10R	(16)	8.90
150-166 India to 15R	(17)	15.30
150-167 India to 25R	(18)	26.00
O104-11 India Service	(8)	.75
O112 India 10R Service	(1)	4.00
70-82 Chamba to 1R	(13)	1.80
70-84 Chamba to 5R	(15)	4.60
70-85 Chamba to 10R	(16)	8.90
133-145 Jhind to 1R	(13)	1.80
133-147 Jhind to 5R	(15)	4.60
133-148 Jhind to 10R	(16)	8.90
69-81 Nabha to 1R	(13)	1.80
69-85 Nabha to 15R	(17)	15.30
69-86 Nabha to 25R	(18)	26.00
80-92 Patiala to 1R	(13)	1.80
80-94 Patiala to 5R	(15)	4.60
80-95 Patiala to 10R	(16)	8.90
80-97 Patiala to 25R	(18)	26.00
116-125 Jamaica to 1/-	(10)	.95
116-128 Jamaica Cp. to 10/-	(13)	5.55
63-69 Kenya to 50c	(7)	.45
63-70 Kenya to 1/-	(8)	.67
63-75 Kenya cp. to £	(13)	11.50
103-111 Leewards to 1/-	(9)	.68
103-115 Leewards Cp. to 1£	(13)	10.75
191-199 Malta to 6d	(9)	.58
191-200 Malta to 1/-	(10)	.80
191-205 Malta Cp. to 10/-	(15)	6.45
227-234 Mauritius to 25c	(8)	.40
227-235 Mauritius to 1R	(9)	.85
227-238 Mauritius Cp. to 10R	(12)	8.35
92-98 Montserrat to 6d	(7)	.45

KenMore's No.	Set of	Price
92-99 Montserrat to 1/-	(8)	.67
92-101 Montserrat Cp. to 5/-	(10)	2.70
244 Newfoundland 48c	(1)	.50
245-248 Newfoundland	(4)	.25
249 Nfld. Royal Visit	(1)	.25
250-251 Nfld. B.V. War Prov.	(2)	.50
D1-6 Nfld. Dues	(6)	.30
A46-55 N. Guinea Airs to 1/-	(10)	.90
A46-59 N. Guinea Airs to £1	(14)	9.00
50-57 New Hebrides to 50c.	(8)	.90
50-58 New Hebr's to 1 Fr.	(9)	1.25
50-61 N. Heb's cp. to 10Fr.	(12)	7.00
D6-10 N. Heb's Dues Cp.	(5)	.75
226-228 New Zealand	(3)	.09
D22-25 New Zealand Dues	(4)	.25
53-59 Nigeria to 6d	(7)	.45
53-60 Nigeria to 1/-	(8)	.67
53-62 Nigeria Cp. to 5/-	(10)	2.70
73-75 Niue 1/-, 2/-, 3/-	(3)	1.35
193-200 No. Borneo to 12c	(8)	.45
193-204 No. Borneo to 50c	(12)	1.25
193-205 No. Borneo to \$1	(13)	2.00
193-207 No. Borneo to \$5	(15)	7.50
D50-54 No. Borneo Dues	(5)	.30
25-32 No. Rhodesia to 1/-	(8)	.70
25-37 No. Rho's Cp. to 1£	(13)	11.60
54-60 Nyassaland to 6d	(7)	.40
54-62 Nyassaland Set to 1/-	(9)	.90
54-67 Nyassaland Cp. to 1£	(14)	11.25
A5-9 Papua Comm. Airs	(5)	1.00
118-124 St. Helena to 1/-	(7)	.75
118-127 St. Helena to 10/-	(10)	6.00
79-85 St. Kitts to 6d	(7)	.45
79-86 St. Kitts to 1/-	(8)	.67
79-88 St. Kitts Cp. to 5/-	(10)	2.70
110-116 St. Lucia to 6d	(7)	.45
110-117 St. Lucia to 1/-	(8)	.67
110-120 St. Lucia Cp. to 10/-	(11)	5.40
141-147 St. Vincent to 6d	(7)	.45
141-148 St. Vincent to 1/-	(8)	.67
141-151 St. Vincent Cp. to 1£	(11)	8.00
125-136 Seychelles to 1R	(12)	1.80
125-139 Seychelles Cp. to 5R	(15)	6.00
173-180 Sierra Leone to 6d	(8)	.55
173-181 Sierra Leone to 1/-	(9)	.80
173-185 Sierra Leone Cp. to 1£	(13)	10.80
42-48 So. Rhodesia to 6d	(5)	.35
42-52 So. Rhodesia to 1/-	(9)	1.20
42-56 So. Rhodesia to 5/-	(13)	4.25
238-246 Strait Sett. to 25c	(9)	.55
238-249 Strait Sett. to 50c	(12)	1.40
238-250 Strait Sett. to \$1.00	(13)	2.15
238-252 Strait S. Cp. to \$5.00	(15)	6.75
D1-5 Johore Dues cp.	(5)	.50
27-33 Swaziland to 6d	(7)	.50
27-37 Swaziland to 1/-	(8)	.70
27-37 Swaziland Cp. to 10/-	(11)	5.40
50-56 Trinidad to 12c	(7)	.55
50-57 Trinidad to 24c	(8)	.85
50-58 Trinidad to 60c	(9)	1.75
50-59 Trin. & Tob. to \$1.20	(10)	3.15
50-60 Trin. & Tob. to \$4.80	(11)	8.75
78-85 Turks to 6d	(8)	.45
78-86 Turks Is. to 1/-	(9)	.67
78-89 Turks Is. cp. to 10/-	(12)	5.40
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Dealers' Publications

Elliott Walton, Inc., 80 Nassau St., New York, has issued a four-page list of price changes and additions to his Quarterly Wholesale List, and any dealer may obtain same upon request to Mr. Walton who specializes in 20th Century.

A new edition of their American Album will be ready the middle of December, announce Scott Publications, Inc. They have also produced the 1941 edition of the Standard Catalogue of U. S. Coins and Tokens, a publication useful to many stamp dealers.

From the Briarwood Stamp Co., Jamaica, N. Y., arrived a new pocket list of U. S. which can also be used as a checklist. A copy will no doubt be sent any reader requesting same.

Two price lists are at hand from Lesgor & Reel, 551 Madison Ave., New York City. The first is their 1941 Price List of the Stamps of France and while living up to "Price List" part of its title of course, it should also be noted that the publication takes on the nature of a catalogue, being illustrated and written up and is more of a "catalogue" than some publications termed that. Copies are 10c, deductible from first order. The other list of general foreign sets has been issued by the firm, free upon request.

Tatham Stamp & Coin Co., Springfield, Mass., have issued a new special price list of albums and other accessories which is obtainable upon request. Lists albums of Scott and other manufacturers and other collecting aids.

Walter Wonce, care Peak Publications, 30 Nickels Arcade, Ann Arbor, Mich., has prepared a series of loose leaf album pages for use of stamp collecting as an educational aid, presumably in schools. A stamped addressed envelope will bring details from him.

Greek Navy Issues

The Greek Navy, at last reports in Salonika harbor awaiting its chance to join with British units, has a unique history in postal matters. The navy has always been small, composed of old vessels obtained from other countries, and despite this seeming handicap has given good account of itself in various troubles in the Aegean. Flagship of the fleet is the "George Averoff," a cruiser named for a wealthy Greek who gave a large sum to his country for naval development. The Averoff has been depicted on two stamps of Greece. On board this ship in July, 1913, were printed the curious typeset stamps of Dedeagatch, a town in Thrace occupied by Greece during the second Balkan War. All three values were printed in a sheet containing the denominations mixed. The perforating was done on board. Fiscal stamps for the occupied territory were also produced on the cruiser's press. The Averoff still carries in her stacks the holes made by shells during the Balkan Wars.

Later in the year two more sets of stamps were produced for the town, on board the Greek naval vessel "Spetsae." These are the sets numbered N188 to N201 by Scott's. These issues had a very short life as the occupation in each instance was a temporary measure.

Of interest to American collectors will be the fact that the Greek Navy included some old American ships which had been purchased about 25 years ago.

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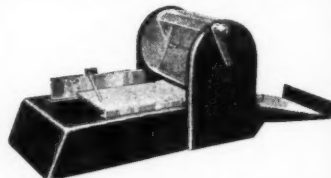
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Jacob Braner, New York wholesaler, was given one of the finest collections of British Colonies that these eyes have seen in many a day, to dispose. This collection was extremely strong in the early Twentieth Century issues. But the most surprising feature was the splendid condition of the stamps. The collection catalogued about \$6,500.00, (by the time this is printed the collection will have been sold).

Many lots of Yugoslavia are turning up in New York lately. It seems that Yugoslavia is the one remaining country in Europe where it is possible to smuggle cash out of the country by converting it into stamps. The Airmail Pictorial set has predominated these lots.

The Western Union Telegraph Company, Inc., had a table at the American Philatelic Congress in order to introduce the new telegraph stamps which just went into use. These stamps proved popular among the many collectors who attended.

Germany didn't miss issuing its 1940 Winterhelp set. Many figured because of the paper shortage in Europe the production of new stamps would be greatly curtailed. New York City dealers received about 1400 of the new German Set. As usual, supply did not last even though the price was the highest that a Winterhelp set had ever come in at.

Philatelic Congress Broadcasts

An added feature of the sixth annual American Philatelic Congress held Nov. 29 to Dec. 1st at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City, was a special on-the-scene broadcast describing the events taking place and airing the talks delivered by the guest speakers invited to address the Junior Day session of the Congress.

Setting a new precedent in philatelic broadcasts, microphones were set up at the speakers stand thus enabling those collectors who were unable to attend the Congress to enjoy the talks in their own home. Opening with a descriptive narration of the events taking place by Walter Kaner, stamp editor and commentator, the program continued with Dr. Elias Silberstein, Principal of Public School 43, Manhattan, acting as master of ceremonies.

The talks of the various guest speakers were electrically transcribed and were broadcast the following day on Walter Kaner's "Stamp Man" program presented over WWRL, 1500 kilocycles, Dec. 1st, Sunday evening at 8:45 P. M.

Captain Harold E. Weeks appeared as guest discussing "Ships Shown on Stamps" on "The Stamp Man" program conducted by Walter Kaner over WWRL, 1500 kilocycles, Sunday Dec. 8th at 8:45 P. M. A member of the N. Y. Collector's Club and the Associated Business Stamp Clubs, Capt. Weeks gained national prominence as the pilot of the Army balloons in the famed Gordon Bennett Air Races.

• The following stations and branches of post offices have been ordered established in connection with defense preparations: Camp Beauregard, Camp Livingston, and Camp Claiborne, all at Alexandria, La.; Camp Stewart and Air Base branches, Savannah, Ga.; U.S.S. Curtiss, Mattole, Sylph, Belknap and Osmond Ingram, all of New York City.

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WHOLESALE

1946 WHOLESALE CATALOGUE FREE—Eighty pages and Monthly Supplements. Empire Stamp, Dept. 10, Toronto, Canada. (tf*)

DEALERS—WHOLESALE LISTS free on request. Pearl Brothers, 476 Smith Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. (83)

ILLUSTRATED WHOLESALE LIST free to the trade. City Stamp Co., 1480 Broadway, New York City. (84)

S.P.A. Tables at Exhibits

A new departure by national stamp societies is the inauguration of tables at various exhibits by the S.P.A. This procedure has worked out very satisfactorily due in the main to the cooperation of various local exhibition chairmen.

The table at an exhibit is indicated by a neat sign bearing the insignia of the S.P.A. Members of the society are in constant attendance to give information about the organization. It is a good procedure for it gives the local S.P.A. members a chance to meet at a central point and many are the pleasant chats exchanged.

The scheme was inaugurated at the World Wide exhibit in Detroit and was so satisfactorily received that it was decided to continue the practice. As a result, there have been S.P.A. tables at the following exhibitions and meets: World Wide at Detroit, Ogden Hill at Chicago, Cicero-Berwyn at Cicero, Ill., Beverly Hills at Chicago, Precancel Stampede at Chicago.

We feel that this idea sincerely helps to promote good fellowship for the Society, recognizes the fact that it is only as strong as its local members or groups. It's a pleasant custom and we hope that it will continue for a long time to come. This month will see the biggest gain in the society in applications received, there being over 50 applicants of individuals and 3 applications for branches.

—Bert Powell, Promotional Secretary

• On December 31 the post offices of Medford Center, Maine and Valley Center, Mich. will close. On the same date New Hampshire will lose the post office of Stark, the last one in that state named for the Revolutionary hero.

• "BOY SCOUT ANNIVERSARY PERIOD, October 31—November 15" is the slogan cancel in use recently at Manila, Philippines.



By Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

DEFENSE BUREAU

Jas. Coyne of Newark sends me a 1c DEFENSE precancelled Chicago in B-11 type or it is the best imitation of a bureau that I have ever seen. The stamp was used by Sears Roebuck & Co. and was dated. It was used in NOV. Since our source of information from Washington has been suspended we had no inkling of such a move, other than the advice that the Defense issue was to be a supplementary issue. If this proves to be the real McCoy it will be quite a shock to some of the boys who are on the conservative side. I have checked the stamp to the best of my ability and pronounce it a BUREAU PRINT. So we have our first Bureau Printed Commemorative. (Editor's Note: The P. O. Dept. intends to replace the 1c, 2c and 3c Presidential sheet stamps with the three Defense stamps for an indefinite period and only the three propaganda stamps are being printed of those denominations in sheets). The Precancel Forum reports two more 1c Defense Bureau Prints, the San Diego and Des Moines.

FIFTH DIVISION

When the new narrow type bureaus appear they will mark the fifth major division or group in the bureau printed precancel field. For those who do not readily recall the different groups we will enumerate them. First, the experiments; Second, the large types consisting of both the 10 x 10 and 10 1/2 x 11 perfs (Some might want to make two groups out of these but they are almost always collected as one group); Third, the small standard types on the 1927 issue; Fourth, the small standard types on the Presidential issue; Fifth, the new narrow type (B-15 according to the Official Catalog) on the Presidential issue. Although the prospects of a complete collection of group four is not in sight it is very evident that it will come about much sooner than any collector surmised.

NOTES TO SOUP

Some counterfeiting of the better grade B-11 items is still being carried on, which should make the buyer more cautious when paying big dough for a bureau print. The P.S.S. has an Expertizing Service which should be patronized whenever a bureau of considerable rarity is being dealt for. — A large bundle of 25c double line precancels lays on top of the 25c bureau prints in the Akron office we are told. With better business in the rubber city we hope the double lines are melting fast. — Here is a new idea for forming a Presidential collection. Starting with U-1 try to complete an entire set in this type. U-2 etc. Similar to denomination but disregards states and will be much larger but plenty tough at that.

OLYMPIA, WASH.

I had reason to check over my items from the above city the other day and was surprised to find I had so few from this place. Most of the precancels seen from Olympia come in the printed type known as U-6, type 4. In type 1, I have a 1 1/2c Front Face Harding and a '27 11c. No type 2; Type 3, 6c 1914 perf. 10, 6c 1917, 2c '17. Type 4, 1922 issue, 1, 1 1/4, 7, 15, 1927 issue, 1, 1 1/4c. 9c Bi-Cent. I have also a 4c Taft in a U-12N which no doubt will some time be listed as type 5. I have added a 1 1/2c '27 to my Opportunity, Wash. items, which you don't find very often in a mission mix either.

CITY ALBUM PAGES

I have mentioned this form of collecting before but today I got my first glimpse of the pages and also was informed as to the ultimate goal of the publishers in this field. While this necessarily must be a plug for the publishers I think they deserve it, for when their job is completed they will have filled a very definite gap in the general collecting field, that of a printed album with definite spaces for definitely issued stamps. The first fifteen pages which I have had the pleasure to examine are from the larger cities in the 1922 perf. 11 issue. All told there will be one hundred cities used through the 1917, 1922, and 1927 issues. About 8,000 precancels in all for a complete collection. The arrangement of the pages are nice and the catalog number and denomination is in each space. No spaces are included in which there are no precancels known to exist. It was not the aim of the publishers to make space for great rarities as this would defeat their purpose. Pages are to be released in sets of 15 and later on can be bought in lots of 100. The name of each city is printed at the top of the page and the set is arranged then to the catalog listing of that city. If no 1c 1922 exists from that city, no space is provided for it. The sheets are not generalized by any means. No Universal type is designated though and we presume that this is to make it easier to fill spaces by using the various types a city might have employed in precanceling a certain issue. Hoover Bros., publishers of the catalog, are publishers of these sheets.

• On January 1st the following changes of names of post offices will take effect: Norwood Station to Norwood, Pa., New River Dept to New River, Va., and Ferguson to Crumrod, Ark.

• The Carlist stamps of Spain were issued in sheets of 100, consisting of nine rows of 11 stamps each, plus an extra stamp by itself.

PRECANCELS FOREIGN

All kinds of Precancels at low prices on approval. Breaking up my personal Foreign Collection. 3c brings nice premium to applicants of either foreign or Precancels. Name your poison.

K. M. GIERHART

Baltimore, Ohio

Remaining 1922-31 Series Withdrawn

All remaining values of the regular series of 1922-31 were withdrawn from sale at the Philatelic Agency after November 30. At that time the Agency had on hand the ½, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 25, and 30c and \$5 of this series. Scattered values of the series are to be found in the stocks of some post offices and these will probably for the most part disappear during the Christmas holidays. At the same time it was announced that the Agency no longer had in stock the 3c 1937 Constitution and the 3c Alaska.

Stratoliner Flights

On December 1 the long anticipated first flight of the 4-engine Stratoliner took place from Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Covers with air field cancel and cachet by Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc. are at hand courtesy of E. A. Hecker, Field Supervisor of Air Mail. Service was inaugurated several months ago from other points with the new ships.

Poet's Corner

JUST A CHRISTMAS SEAL
By PABLO M. ESPERIDION

I cross lands, seas, and air,
Heralding tidings of goodwill,
But, I've no franking power,
As in postage value I'm nil—
As I'm just a Christmas seal.

To me it's just the same,
To me it doesn't matter,
For all I love and care,
That people here and there—
Are happy and full of cheer.

My message chants to all,
Tunes of a Christmas song,
From hovel to stately mansion,
From cottage to palace of marble—
In time of peace and war.

I cross lands, seas, and air,
Heralding tidings of goodwill,
But, I've no franking power,
As in postage value I'm nil—
As I'm just a Christmas seal.

Albeit no postage value at all,
Yet, I'm happy, heart and soul;
For real happiness is not in gold,
Neither what we've nor worth—
But, it's what we're on this world.

Thus, with the Wings of Yuletide,
I travel 'round and 'round the earth,
With millions and millions of letters,
Spreading the message of a Christmas seal—

"Peace on earth, and goodwill to all mankind."



The 1c and 2c National Defense were issued prematurely at the State Hospital branch at Ogdensburg, N. Y. on October 12. Several hundred were sold, reports Warren Gauthier.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. is issuing a series of five stamps portraying Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph. The stamps became valid commencing December 2nd for prepayment of telegrams or other services of the company. Denominations are 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c and 25c with a different color for each. The series will be changed each year and the company has already selected persons to be depicted on the series to be issued in 1941, 1942 etc. These include Hiram Sibley, W. U. President from 1856 to 1865; Ezra Cornell, a founder of the company and Cornell University, and others. The stamps will be listed in the U. S. Specialized Catalogue, presumably along with the other telegraph stamps.

The large collection of Bureau Issues formed by the late Hugh H. Southgate will be sold under the guidance of a committee of his philatelic friends. So says James Waldo Fawcett in the *Washington Sunday Star*. We regret to note that Mr. Southgate's wife followed him

in death by only a few days; making a double sorrow for the family.

The November *Precancel Bee* explains an unusual postal marking "10% of Precanceled Stamp Value Collected" found on a cover bearing a 2c St. Paul, Minn. precancel and also with that city's regular machine cancel dated 1931. It seems that if a mailer whose precancel permit allows him to use precancels on second, third and fourth class mail only, inadvertently uses precancels on first class mail, such mail will be dispatched after being run through the cancelling machine if the permit holder pays 10% of the face value of the precancels so used incorrectly.

First Day Calendar

1½c Martha Washington sheet stamps with Electric Eye markings (the addition of these markings on the sheet margins being the only difference) to be issued Jan. 16 at the Philatelic Agency and Washington, D. C., post office. P. O. will not service covers.

• The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd., London, holds a 25-year contract issued in 1927 for all communication services, telegraph and postal, of the Bolivian government.

• Postal rules prohibit the dispatch to foreign countries of any piece of mail addressed to go around the world or with spaces on the front to contain successive addresses to effect that routing.

United States Stamps

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